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Homeowners to learn how to protect Birch Bay

OLYMPIA – People who own homes on the shoreline of Birch Bay, as well as other residents in the Birch Bay/Drayton Harbor area have an opportunity to learn more about the unique marine resources they share.

The Puget Sound Action Team, Washington State University Whatcom County Extension, Whatcom County Planning and Development Services and Washington Sea Grant are offering a four-hour workshop next **Saturday, Aug. 14.**

WHO TO ATTEND: Property owners surrounding Birch Bay and interested residents, including those in Drayton Harbor

WHAT: Birch Bay Marine Shoreline Stewardship Workshop

WHEN: Saturday, Aug. 14, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WHERE: North Bay Christ the King Community Church, Peace Arch Mall, 3440 Birch Bay-Lynden Rd., in Custer

At this workshop, participants will learn about the shoreline processes that affect their land and will discuss specific actions they can take to help protect and improve the health of their shorelines. They can talk with natural resource scientists and technical staff to learn how they can best prevent erosion from their property while ensuring the habitat in the bay provides clean, healthy water for clams, oysters, salmon, blue herons and a multitude of extraordinary wildlife who share the home with shoreline homeowners around Birch Bay.

The workshop is free. In order to provide the appropriate number of materials for participants, people should register by contacting, **Ken Carrasco, WSU Whatcom Extension at ken_c@wsu.edu or (000) 000-0000.**

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For more information about shoreline protection visit www.psat.wa.gov.

Broadcast Version

State organizations are offering a public workshop for property owners around Birch Bay, as well as other residents in the Drayton Harbor area. The workshop will share with property owners how they can protect the valuable water they enjoy.

The Puget Sound Action Team, Washington State University Whatcom County Extension, Whatcom County Planning and Development Services and Washington Sea Grant will host the workshop in **Custer at the North Bay Christ the King Community Church at the Peace Arch Mall, on Saturday, Aug. 14, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.**

The workshop is free. In order to provide the appropriate number of materials for participants, organizers ask that people who plan to attend contact Ken Carrasco with WSU Whatcom Extension at (360) 676-6736 to reserve a spot at the workshop.

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